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## INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 23 August 1955

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,  
G-2, Department of the Army\*  
Rear Admiral Robert W. Cavenagh, acting for Director of Naval  
Intelligence, Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission  
representative to the IAC  
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation

### ALSO PRESENT

Mr. George A. Pope, Department of State  
Mr. Howard Wiedemann, Department of State

\*Major General Ridgely Gaither, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,  
attended the meeting as observer.

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Mr. George Muller, Department of State  
Lieutenant Colonel John E. Arthur, Department of the Army  
Captain C. C. Coley, Department of the Navy  
Colonel Willis B. Sawyer, United States Air Force  
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr., United States Air Force  
Mr. Donald F. Benjamin, United States Air Force  
Colonel Robert Totten, USAF, The Joint Staff  
Colonel John E. Leary, USA, The Joint Staff  
Colonel E. W. Stewart, USAF, The Joint Staff  
Colonel C. H. Dayhuff, Jr., USA, The Joint Staff  
Mr. M. W. Kuhrtz, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1. Welcome to Major General Gaither

The Chairman extended a welcome to Major General Ridgely Gaither, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, who was attending his first meeting of the IAC.

2. Approval of Minutes  
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Approved as written.

3. Outlook for an Independent

[REDACTED]  
(NIE 25-55)

a. Approved as amended.

b. The Chairman invited the attention of the Committee to the conclusion reached by the Board of National Estimates and IAC representatives that no post-mortem is required on this estimate. (See Secretary's Notes, Item 5, below)

4. Watch Committee Report  
No. 263

Noted.

5. Release of SNIE 11-10-55:  
"Soviet Gross Capabilities  
for Attacks on the US and Key  
Overseas Installations and  
Forces in 1965"  
(ONE Memorandum, 10 August 1955)

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- b. Agreed that release of SNIE 11-10-55 should not be construed as a precedent for the release to foreign governments of estimates which are given limited distribution within the US.

- 6. Post-Mortem on NIE 11-5-55:  
"Air Defense of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1955-1960"

Noted the findings and approved the recommendations.

- 7. Post-Mortem on NIE 11-7-55:  
"Soviet Gross Capabilities for Attacks on the US and Key Overseas Installations and Forces Through 1 July 1958"

Noted the findings, as amended, and approved the recommendations.

- 8. Post-Mortem on NIE 100-5-55:  
"Implications of Growing Nuclear Capabilities for the Communist Bloc and the Free World"

Noted the findings.

- 9. Terms of Reference for IAC Task Force on the President's Proposal to Exchange Military Blueprints  
(IAC-D-97, 18 August 1955;  
IAC-M-205, Item 9, 26 July 1955;  
IAC-M-206, Item 1c, 2 August 1955)

- a. The Chairman stated that the IAC need not officially approve the proposed terms of reference, although IAC-D-97 will serve as a working paper. The Chairman then suggested, and the members agreed, that the Task Force should next define the practical problems which face the intelligence community, taking into account what individual IAC and other government agencies are now doing, or can do, and then recommend to the IAC ways of meeting these problems.

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- b. Mr. Amory stated that the various Task Forces throughout the government which are concerned with the President's proposal have until 15 October to report to the Defense Department, and that the NSC will consider the question around 1 December 1955. It was noted that the IAC has not been requested to make a report by the NSC or other consumers, and that the nature of final action by the IAC cannot be determined at this time.

Adjournment: 1205

Secretary

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary has authorized release to USIA of NIE 63.2-55, "Probable Developments [redacted] July 1956," 16 August 1955 (IAC-M-208, Secretary's Notes, Item 1).

2. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next regular meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA, NIE 25-55, "Outlook for [redacted] 23 August 1955.

3. The Board of National Estimates and the IAC representatives have agreed that no post-mortem is required on SNIE 11-10-55, "Soviet Gross Capabilities for Attacks on the US and Key Overseas Installations and Forces in 1965," 2 August 1955. The special nature of SNIE 11-10-55, and the extent to which it projects into the speculative future, render a post-mortem unprofitable. Moreover, the post-mortems on NIE's 11-3-55, 11-7-55, 11-5-55, and 11-6-54 already identify most

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of the existing gaps in our intelligence on the subjects covered in SNIE 11-10-55, and these gaps are obviously even greater in any estimate which attempts to project to 1965 (ONE memorandum, 18 August 1955). No post-mortem will therefore be undertaken, except at the request of a member of the IAC.

25X6 4. Post-Mortem [ ] Estimate: The Board of  
National Estimates and the IAC representatives have agreed that  
25X6 a post-mortem on NIE 25-55, "Outlook for an [ ]  
is not required. There was general agreement that the only major  
intelligence deficiency encountered in drafting the estimate related  
to Soviet administration of the oil and USIA properties in eastern  
25X6 [ ] and that this problem is already being resolved. No post-  
mortem will therefore be undertaken, except at the request of a  
member of the IAC.

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